

Hunter Mill News

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Letter from Supervisor Hudgins

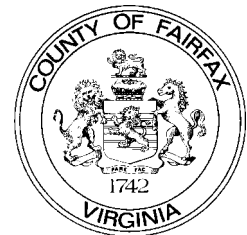
Welcome to all residents of Stuart Precinct who are now located in the Hunter Mill District. As a result of population changes reported in the Census 2000, Fairfax County Supervisor District boundaries were modified to ensure approximately equal populations within each district. The Colvin Precinct is now part of the Dranesville District, and we wish those residents well who we have gotten to know over the past year and a half. The changes now place all Reston residents in the Hunter Mill District.

I will be holding another **Community meeting this Fall**. Transportation and Land Use issues will be discussed, and this is another opportunity for the community to continue to be involved in guiding the development of the district in the future. The meeting will be on **Saturday September 29 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at South Lakes High School**. Participants will hear about ideas and best practices of transit-oriented development at transit stations. Residents will have an opportunity to work with others to develop a vision for development around each of the transit station areas.

If you have passed the site of the former Dogwood Elementary School, you will have noticed that the new school is rapidly coming to completion. The structure is expected to be completed by February of 2002. The new building will be larger than the old structure, with a second floor, six new classrooms, and a larger library and music room. Also, welcome to the new McNair Elementary School.

We are pleased to have contributions from Jane Seeman, Mayor of the Town of Vienna, and Stu Gibson, Hunter Mill District Representative on the Fairfax County Public School Board in this issue of the newsletter.

Catherine M. Hudgins
Supervisor, Hunter Mill District



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KEY ISSUES IN HUNTER MILL DISTRICT

Task Forces in Action:

■ Hunter Mill Road Task Force

— The Hunter Mill Road Task Force continues to meet with staff from Virginia Department of Transportation and Fairfax County Department of Transportation regarding the road improvement projects along Hunter Mill Road at Colvin Run, Difficult Run, and the Dulles Toll Road Interchange. Scheduled improvements to Hunter Mill Road include a bridge replacement at Colvin and Difficult Run and widening of the Dulles Toll Road interchange.

■ Lake Fairfax Remaster Plan Task Force

— The Fairfax County Park Authority held a Public Hearing May 31 to present a proposal for the Master Plan Revision for Lake Fairfax Park. The plan includes deleting elements from the previous master plan (approved in 1979) such as an ice rink, tennis courts, and an adventure playground. Additional elements were added such as an Off-leash Dog Area. The park is 479 acres in size and is located at 1400 Lake Fairfax Drive in Reston.

The proposed plan is available for review at the Lake Fairfax Park office, 1400 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston or at Park Authority Headquarters, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 421, Fairfax or online at www.co.fairfax.va.us/parks/gmp/lfpmpframe.htm

■ Dulles Corridor Rapid Transit Project

— The Alternatives Analysis Report for the Dulles Corridor Rapid Transit Project was released at the end of May, which documents the process that led to the selection of the alternatives to be fully evaluated in the Environmental Impact Study (EIS). It serves as a detailed record that all reasonable alternatives for the Dulles Corridor Rapid Transit Project were examined and presented to the public during the preliminary engineering and environmental review process.

■ Centreville Road Project

— The long anticipated improvements on Centreville Road between West Ox Road and Frying Pan Road are a priority within the Fairfax County Government's Secondary Road Program. A citizen's information meeting was attended by approximately 50 residents on April 18, 2001 at Floris Elementary School. Citizens were provided an opportunity to review and comment on material prepared by the Virginia Department of Transportation, in cooperation with the Fairfax County Department of Transportation.

Comments and/or concerns expressed by citizens will be considered as design details unfold. The estimated project cost is approximately \$4.5 million.

The following is the tentative schedule for the improvements:

- **Spring/Summer 2001** — Review and evaluate information received from April Citizen Meeting, and continue with detailed engineering.

The remaining portion of the schedule is tentative. VDOT is working with the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (VDHR) regarding issues around the history of Floris.

- **Late Fall 2001**
Location and Design Public Hearing
- **Mid Summer 2002**
Initiate Land Acquisition
- **Winter 2004**
Advertisement for construction
- **Spring 2004**
Begin Construction

Land Use Committee

Supervisor Hudgins appointed a permanent land use committee to review pending land use applications. Homeowner Associations in the District were asked to submit nominations for 10 committee members. Five at-large members were appointed by Supervisor Hudgins. The committee meets at 7:30 p.m. every third Tues. of each month at the Community Room of the North County Governmental Center, adjacent to the Reston Police Station. The community is invited to attend the meetings and provide comments on applications. Information about pending applications is posted on the Land Use Committee web site at www.co.fairfax.va.us/gov/bos/hm/lucommittee.html.

**Supervisor
Hudgins Holds
Land Use/
Transportation
Community
Meeting**

**SATURDAY,
September 29, 2001
8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**SOUTH LAKES
HIGH SCHOOL**

**11400 South Lakes Dr.
Reston, Virginia 20191**

Residents of Hunter Mill District are invited to attend a Hunter Mill District Community Meeting on Saturday, September 29, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at South Lakes High School hosted by Supervisor Catherine "Cathy" Hudgins. The meeting will focus on transit-oriented and pedestrian-friendly development in the Transit Station Areas. The goal is to provoke discussion and look at creative ways that the community can be involved with the design of the Dulles Corridor Stations.

**PLEASE PLAN
ON ATTENDING.**

Area Plans Review — Changing the Comprehensive Plan

The County is in the process of reviewing changes to the Comprehensive plan in a process referred to as the Area Plans Review (APR). The review process is designed to provide an opportunity for interested parties to recommend amendments to the adopted Comprehensive Plan, ensure the vitality of the Plan to reflect the County's changing needs, and involve maximum citizen participation. The North County Cycle APR nomination period, which includes the Dranesville, Hunter Mill, Sully and Providence districts (excluding the Reston-Herndon Suburban Center/Transit Station Area) was from May 14, 2001 through June 20, 2001. The Hunter Mill District APR task force held a kick-off meeting on July 30, 2001. A planning session is scheduled for Thursday, September 13, 2001 at the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce, 1763 Fountain Drive, Reston at 7:00 p.m. Over the course of the next several months the task force will be reviewing recommended changes to the plan. The list of Hunter Mill APR task force appointees and additional information can be found on the Hunter Mill District web site at: [http:// www.co.fairfax.va.us/huntermill/landuse.html](http://www.co.fairfax.va.us/huntermill/landuse.html).

New Hunter Mill District Boundaries

Supervisor Hudgins wants to welcome residents of the Stuart Precinct to the Hunter Mill District. Based on changes in population over the past 10 years as evidenced by the Census 2000 population figures, some of the Supervisor Districts contained more people than others. In order to make the population of each district approximately equal, changes in boundaries were necessary. A Citizen Advisory Committee was convened in 2000 to suggest possible changes. On June 11, 2001, the Board of Supervisors accepted a modification of one of the Advisory Committee recommendations. This meant that the Colvin Precinct is now part of the Dranesville District and the Stuart Precinct, formerly part of the Dranesville District, is now part of the Hunter Mill District. The Colvin Precinct is approximately bounded by an area just west of Hunter Mill Road on the west, Baron Cameron and Route 7 on the north, Browns Mill and Beulah Roads on the east and the Dulles Airport Toll Road to the south. The Stuart Precinct is bounded by Stuart Road on the east, Route 606 on the south, Rosiers Branch on the north and Sugarland Run and the town of Herndon on the west. Although the precinct changes are effective with the June 11 Board action, the changes cannot be implemented until the county receives preclearance from the U.S. Attorney General. The reapportionment plan was sent to the U.S. Attorney General for preclearance on June 18.

Fairfax Cross County Trail

On June 2nd, National Trails Day, Supervisor Hudgins, State Senator Janet Howell and a group of about 30 hikers celebrated a new trail that is under development by the Fairfax County Park Authority. The Cross County Trail stretches from the Occoquan River near Route 123 to the Potomac River at Great Falls. The first phase of the trail will be 31.5 miles long, and ultimately will be almost 40 miles long. The proposed route connects three major stream valley/greenways: the Pohick, the Accotink, and Difficult Run.

For more information and a map of the trail see the Park Authority Cross County Trail web site at <http://www.co.fairfax.va.us/parks/cctinfo8.htm>.

Vienna Electronic Voter Verification Test

The Town of Vienna recently successfully completed a test of electronic voter verification. The technology allows election officials to scan the barcode on the back of the Virginia driver's license. This information is used to automatically determine if the voter is registered to vote. The technique speeds the process of checking voters, and may be used countywide in the future.

Vienna Fire Station #2 Renovation

The Vienna Volunteer Fire Department (VVFD) Station #2 is undergoing the first stage of a planned renovation of the station. Renovations to the front facade of the VVFD station began this summer. The facade is being renovated to replace the bay doors that are no longer large enough to accommodate the newer, larger fire equipment.

The project is scheduled for completion by the first of October, just in time for the department's annual open house. (From the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department web site at <http://www.vvfd.org/index.html>).

North Point, Station #39

Fire and Rescue Station No. 39 was officially dedicated during a hose uncoupling ceremony on Saturday, June 9, 2001 at 10 a.m. The station will serve Reston, Herndon, and the Great Falls areas of the County. The new fire and rescue station located at 1117 Reston Ave., Herndon, VA was constructed on 3.5 acres, has approximately 14,000 square feet and is staffed by 33 personnel. Assigned to the fire and rescue station are a rescue company, an engine company, and an advanced life support unit.

CAPTAIN TOMMY BERNAL, Former Reston District Station Commander, Dies in Training Accident

Captain Bernal, Chief of the Traffic Division and 29-year veteran of the Fairfax County Police Department, was involved in a fatal motorcycle accident on June 28. He was accompanying a motorcycle training exercise south of Front Royal when the accident occurred.

Captain Bernal, a resident of Hunter Mill District, was hired in 1972, working at the old Annandale District Station. He later worked at the McLean and Mason District Stations where he was promoted to Corporal, Lieutenant and Captain. As Captain he served as Commander of the Reston District and McLean District Stations. He served his last assignment as Commander of the Traffic Division of the Operations Support Bureau. Captain Bernal is survived by his wife, Marlys, their two sons, aged 13 and 15, and Tommy Bernal, Jr., 32, of New York.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Child Safety Seat and Seat Belt Expo — *September 8, Noon – 3 p.m., Target Department Store, Reston.*
- Reston Multi-Cultural Festival — *September 22, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Lake Anne Plaza, Reston.*
- Land Use and Transportation Community Meeting — *September 29, 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., South Lakes High School.*
- Turn off the Violence Coalition — *October 18, Reston Teen Center, 3 p.m. – 8 p.m.*
- Immigrant and Refugee Community Sampler Meeting — *October 23, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m., Reston Community Center at Hunters Woods.*
- Halloween Parade in Vienna — *October 24, 7 p.m.*
- Volunteer Fest and Community Housing Fair — *October 27, Fairfax Government Center.*
- Vienna Town Meeting To Discuss The Future of Commercial and Industrial Areas — *November (see Town of Vienna Newsletter or web page for date).*

Youth Accomplishments

Alan Webb breaks outdoor mile record — Alan Webb continued to break national high school track records, running the fastest mile ever by a high school student at the Prefontaine Classic on May 27 in Eugene Ore, with a time of 3:53.43. He broke the national high school record of 3:55.3 that was set by Jim Ryun 36 years ago. This accomplishment was also the fastest time by an American miler since 1998, and it was the 19th fastest mile ever by an American. Alan now holds both the national indoor and outdoor high school mile records. Congratulations Alan!

Madison High School wins CAPPIE Award — Congratulations to the James Madison High School Orchestra, directed by Sara Callanan, for winning the 2001 CAPPIE award for the Best Orchestra for their work in the production of Little Shop of Horrors. The CAPPIE's, formally known as the National Capital Area's Critics and Awards Program, are awarded by high school students who attend and review each other's shows, publish their reviews in local newspapers, and participate in a year-end, CAPPIE's Gala. This year's gala was held at the Kennedy Center on June 10, 2001.

Forest Edge Elementary School students win right to compete in the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals — For the second year in a row a team of seven students from Forest Edge Elementary School earned the opportunity to compete in the Odyssey of the Mind World finals. Odyssey of the Mind is an international problem-solving competition for students from kindergarten through college. The team placed first in the Middle School Division at the Virginia Odyssey of the Mind Association finals on April 28, 2001, in Fairfax defeating last year's defending champions. Congratulations Forest Edge Elementary School!

► **YOUTH ACCOMPLISHMENTS** *continued on page 8*

Supervisor Hudgins Holds Saturday Constituent Hours

Supervisor Hudgins will meet with Hunter Mill District citizens from 9 a.m. to Noon on the following dates:

Hunter Mill District Office Saturday, October 20
North County Governmental Center
12000 Bowman Towne Drive • Reston, VA 20190

Vienna Town Hall Saturday, November 17
127 Center Street SW • Vienna, VA 22180

Vienna Perspective

By Vienna Mayor Jane Seeman

My first year as Mayor of the Town of Vienna has been a good year. Like life, there have been challenges, disappointments, and successes.

Among the successes is the newly synchronized traffic signal system on Maple Avenue that is keeping traffic moving through town. VDOT was a great help to us in this effort. The first phase of our sidewalk building program is nearly completed and we are setting the priorities for the next phase. In addition to the sidewalk program, our streets and our water and sewer lines are undergoing extensive repair and renovation this Summer.

The Vienna Town Council was able to lower the real estate tax rate for this fiscal year in response to the large increase in property assessments. The Council also adopted a new five-year Comprehensive Plan to help guide Vienna's future development.

We have recently rezoned two pieces of property for parkland, Northside Park will remain undeveloped except for a connection trail and bridge to the W&OD Trail. The second park is the Tot Lot on Branch Road in southeast Vienna. Users of the W&OD Trail will notice the train mural facing the trail in the heart of Vienna, near the old train station and the red caboose, and will be pleased to learn the station and caboose will be open every weekend, during the summer. Plans for restoration of the station are underway.

Looking ahead, the second phase of the Maple Avenue Enhancement Project is in the planning stages and construction will begin in spring 2002. A Town meeting will be held one weekend in November to discuss the future of our commercial and industrial areas and all citizens are invited to participate. More information about the meeting will appear in upcoming Town newsletters and on our web page.

The web page, www.ci.vienna.va.us, will continue to improve and offer more information to users. Vienna's special license plate may be viewed on the web page and application forms downloaded, as well as job applications, recreation class registrations and many other forms. We welcome your comments via e-mail.

Our citizens are residents of Hunter Mill District and Fairfax County, and as such, I have had an excellent working relationship with both Supervisor Hudgins and Chairman Hanley. Both have been extremely responsive and sensitive to the Town's requests and needs. I look forward to another year of continued successes.

Support on Suspension

The Fairfax Partnership for Youth is working together with the Vienna Teen Center Foundation to provide a productive, supervised program for Madison, Marshall and Oakton High School students who have been suspended from school. Support on Suspension, or SOS, is held at the Vienna Community Center's Club Phoenix Teen Center every school day. A group of community volunteers works with the program's director to provide tutoring and support for up to 10 students who bring school homework with them to the center. Counseling aimed at helping students reflect on their behavior, improve communication skills and learn anger management and conflict resolution strategies is provided through The Women's Center. For more information or to volunteer for the SOS program, call the Partnership for Youth office at 703-324-5535.

Congratulations, Eagle Scouts!

Congratulations to the following Boy Scouts who have achieved the Eagle Scout award:

- Cristofer Landefeld
- Phil Pesce
- Thomas Irvin
- Zachary Meyer
- Thomas Rohrback

Dogwood Elementary School Building Construction Update

Construction of the new Dogwood Elementary School building is well underway. According to Principal Ricki Harvey, the new building should be completed by February 15, 2002. The building, which has two stories, will be significantly larger than the old building that was nearly 30 years old. The building will have six additional classrooms, including two School Age Child Care rooms. There will also be additional space for resource and counseling staff, as well as a larger library and music room. The Dogwood school year extends from July 30, 2001 to June 20, 2002, with three optional intercession periods in October, January and April.

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Fairfax County School Update

*By Stu Gibson,
Hunter Mill District School Board Representative*

As your representative to the Fairfax County School Board, I welcome you to another school year, 2001-2002. This year brings more growth, changes and challenges to Fairfax County Public Schools.

It also brings much good news. We just began renovating Hunters Woods Elementary School. This fall we will open the new McNair Elementary School. Finally, I hope you will join me when the time comes for the rededication and reopening of the "new" Dogwood Elementary School. We hope to open the school this winter, finishing the rebuilding in record time. Thank you to all the members of the community, to Supervisor Hudgins, and to the school and county staffs, for making this rebuilding effort so swift and efficient. Watch the news for information about the rededication, as we get closer to finishing construction.

To deal with the challenges we face with adding 4,000 new students each year, on November 6, you will have an opportunity to vote for a \$378 million school bond referendum. The funds will enable us to build a new school planned for Andrews Chapel, and to relieve overcrowding at Forestville Elementary School. The money will also allow us to renovate and add space to existing schools, including Lake Anne, Forest Edge, Floris and Wolftrap Elementary Schools, and James Madison High School. Passing this referendum will also bring closer the day when we will be able to renovate South Lakes High School, which received its planning funds in the 1999 bond referendum.

I seek your input, comments and ideas about how we can make our nationally-acclaimed Fairfax County Public Schools even better. Please also let me know if you are interested in serving on one of our many advisory committees. I am easy to reach. You can phone me at (703) 246-4786. This is a voice-mail box, and I try to return all calls promptly. If you need immediate attention, please call the School Board Office at (703) 246-3646.

You can e-mail me at Stuart.Gibson@fcps.edu. Or if you're into "low tech," you can send snail mail to me at the Fairfax County School Board, 10700 Page Avenue, Fairfax, Virginia 22030. Finally, if you'd simply like to know what's happening in your local school or the school system, or what's new at the School Board, please visit our award-winning website, www.FCPS.edu. I look forward to meeting you, and to hearing what I can do to help you deal with the school system.

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- Watch "Connecting with
Supervisor Hudgins" on
Comcast's Channel 28 and
Cox Channel 16; see times
and dates in television
schedule
- Meet Supervisor Hudgins
at her Saturday hours that
are listed on page 5 in this
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Girl Power! Conference held at Langston Hughes Intermediate School

Supervisor Hudgins was the keynote speaker at the recent Girl Power! Conference held at South Lakes High School. Girl Power is a national public education campaign, initiated by the Department of Health and Human Services to empower and encourage females ages 9-14 to make the most of their lives. In Fairfax County there are over 200 girls participating in Girl Power! Programs across the county. For the year 1999-2000, 70% had an increase in school performance; 73% had no record of school disciplinary problems; 62% had increased grades. "Girl Power! is doing great work encouraging girls to develop to their full potential and I support them 100%" says Supervisor Hudgins.

First Anniversary of the Reston Teen Center

— Congratulations to the Reston Teen Center on their one year anniversary. The Teen Center is located at the Reston YMCA, 12196 Sunset Hills Road, across from the Target department store. During the academic year the center hours are Mondays — Thursdays: 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., Fridays: 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., Saturdays: 12 noon to 12 midnight, and Sundays: 12 noon to 8 p.m. There is also an after school program Mondays through Fridays: 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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